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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR KAUL ON U.S. ARMS
POLICY DECISION

FOR CHARGE

1. WE HAVE SENT YOU BY SEPTTEL TEXT OF STATEMENT
ISSUED BY AMBASSADOR KAUL TODAY.

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2. YOU SHOULD APPROACH GOI AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE

LEVEL AND SAY THAT WE MUST PROTEST INTEMPERATE LANGUAGE IN WHICH STATEMENT IS COUCHED. IN PARTICULAR, WE FIND UNACCEPTABLE THE PHRASE QUOTE THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO FURTHER REDUCES THE CREDIBILITY OF U.S. ASSURANCES WHICH HAVE PROVED INOPERATIVE IN THE PAST. UNQUOTE STATEMENT AS A WHOLE MISREPRESENTS U.S. POLICY DECISION AND TOTALLY IGNORES OUR ASSURANCES ABOUT HOW ARMS POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. WE HAVE MADE MAJOR EFFORT IN FORMULATION AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF OUR DECISION TO TAKE INDIAN CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE ALWAYS MADE CLEAR THAT OUR POLICIES IN SUBCONTINENT WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED UPON OUR PERCEPTION OF OUR

INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. WE NEITHER INTEND NOR WANT THOSE POLICIES TO BE INIMICAL TO INDIA OR TO INTERFER WITH CONTINUING POSITIVE EVOLUTION OF U.S.-INDIAN RELATIONS TO WHICH WE ALSO ATTACH IMPORTANCE.

3. WE HAVE BOTH UNDERSTOOD THAT, WHILE WE SEEK TO ENLARGE AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA, THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US FROM TIME-TO-TIME. IT HAS BEEN OUR HOPE THAT THESE DIFFERENCES COULD BE DEALT WITH IN CALM MANNER AND IN PERSPECTIVE OF THE BROADER INTERESTS WE SHARE. AMBASSADOR KAUL'S STATEMENT IS CONTRARY, IN OUR VIEW, TO THE KIND OF TONE AND DIALOGUE WE FOR OUR PART HAVE WANTED TO PURSUE.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON WILL BE SPEAKING TO AMBASSADOR KAUL ALONG FOREGOING LINES TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25. KISSINGER

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